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1 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON

2 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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4 In the Matter of the Petition )Docket Nos. UE-180167 and

of )UG-180168 (Consolidated)

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AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a )

6 AVISTA UTILITIES )

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7 For an Order Authorizing the )

Company to Revise its Electric )

8 Book Depreciation Rates and )

Authorizing Deferred Accounting)

9 Treatment for the Difference )

in Depreciation Expense )

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1 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON; FEBRUARY 13, 2019

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6 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Let's be on the record.

7 Good morning. We're here today for a telephonic

8 prehearing conference regarding consolidated Dockets

9 UE-180167 and UG-180168. The time is 11:00 a.m. on

10 February 3rd, 2019. Sorry, February 13th, 2019.

11 My name is Andrew O'Connell. I'm an

12 administrative law judge with the Washington Utilities

13 and Transportation Commission. I am joined in the

14 Commission's hearing room today by a court reporter and

15 by representatives for Staff. All other parties are

16 appearing telephonically.

17 We are here today to discuss what process is

18 necessary for consideration of the settlement agreement

19 filed by all parties on February 12th, 2019.

20 Let's take appearances beginning with

21 Avista.

22 MR. MEYER: Thank you, Your Honor, and thank

23 you as well for scheduling this telephonic prehearing.

24 David Meyer for Avista.

25 JUDGE O'CONNELL: And let's start with the

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1 telephone, Public Counsel?

2 MS. SUETAKE: This is Nina Suetake for

3 Public Counsel.

4 JUDGE O'CONNELL: And the Alliance of

5 Western Energy Consumers?

6 MR. PEPPLE: Good morning. Tyler Pepple for

7 the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers.

8 JUDGE O'CONNELL: And Sierra Club?

9 MR. GERHART: Good morning. This is Matt

10 Gerhart for Sierra Club.

11 MS. DARBY: And this is Marta Darby for

12 Sierra Club.

13 JUDGE O'CONNELL: And Staff?

14 MR. CALLAGHAN: Yes, and Nash Callaghan

15 representing Commission Staff in this matter.

16 JUDGE O'CONNELL: So I set this prehearing

17 conference when it was unclear whether all parties were

18 included in the settlement. I see, however, from the

19 filing of the settlement agreement that all parties are

20 included and it is a full settlement proposing to

21 resolve all issues in dispute.

22 I have also reviewed the joint motion by the

23 parties, which requests several procedural actions with

24 the Commission. First, parties ask to file testimony in

25 support of the settlement on or before

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1 February 15, 2019; second, the parties ask that the

2 testimony they file be received into evidence to form

3 the basis for the Commission's decision; third, the

4 parties ask that the consideration of the proposed

5 settlement be made on a paper record without a hearing

6 on the settlement; last, the parties ask for expedited

7 consideration to allow for a proposed effective date of

8 April 1st, 2019.

9 I am inclined to grant the parties' joint

10 motion. There is a recent hearing or proceeding that

11 I'm aware of where a full settlement has been addressed

12 on the paper record without a settlement hearing. But

13 before I make a ruling on that request, I am going to

14 confer with the Commissioners who have been out of the

15 office and in a conference for this week. So I will

16 confer with them and issue a decision shortly by either

17 tomorrow or Friday at the latest; however, the parties

18 should file their testimony supporting the settlement by

19 February 15, 2019, as proposed in the joint motion.

20 So I believe this prehearing conference was

21 made much simpler because the settlement does propose as

22 an all-party settlement that resolves all of the issues

23 in dispute. So with that, I'd like to ask the parties

24 if there's something else that we should address at this

25 telephonic conference.

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1 MR. CALLAGHAN: I don't believe so, Your

2 Honor.

3 JUDGE O'CONNELL: And --

4 MR. MEYER: Nothing from Avista's

5 standpoint.

6 MS. SUETAKE: Nothing from Public Counsel.

7 MR. PEPPLE: Nothing from AWEC either.

8 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay.

9 MR. GERHART: Same for Sierra Club, there's

10 nothing else we wanted to address.

11 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Thank you all very much.

12 I will issue a short order within the coming days. And

13 with that, we will be adjourned. Thank you.

14 (Adjourned at 11:04 a.m.)

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